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Fiction Titles Nonfiction Titles Benchmarks

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1580 The Origins of the 1570 The Family on Trial 1560 Slavemaster Presid 1530 Galileo's Daughter 1520 The Cold War. A V The Children's Civ	in Revoluionary France ent examination v action and to the false appe	absolutely impossible to make out by experience with complete certainty a single case in which the maxim of an it in itself, rested simply on moral grounds and on the conception of duty. Sometimes it happens that with the sharpe we can find nothing beside the moral principle of duty which could have been powerful enough to move us to this so great a sacrifice; yet we cannot from this infer with certainty that it was not really some secret impulse of self-love, arance of duty, that was the actual determining cause of the will. (Immanuel Kant, author) ON ANCIENT MEDICINE	est self- or that 1570 Tolstoy and the Genesis of War and Peace 1530 Plutarch's Lives
1490 The 1960s Cultura 1460 Wild Ocean 1450 Wilson's Ghost 1440 World War I: The 1430 Story of King Arth 1400 Life and Times of	and he wante which I descr two or three omitted to tal	in who had been accustomed to dinner, since, as soon as the body required food, and when the former meal was consider refreshment, no new supply was furnished to it, he wastes and is consumed from want of food. For all the syntibe as befalling to this man I refer to want of food. And I also say that all men who, when in a state of health, rem days without food, experience the same unpleasant symptoms as those which I described in the case of him white dinner. (Hippocrates, author) THE SCARLET LETTER	mptoms 1460 Alida's Song nain for 1450 The Confessions of Nat Turner
1390 Hatred, Bigotry, at 1370 The Way of the Cc 1360 An Hour Before D 1340 Mosque 1330 Roots 1300 The Hazards of Sp 1300L	acquainted w Daylight fantastically e humanity, an spectators; "b	t which drew all eyes, and, as it were, transfigured the wearer—so that both men and women who had been far with Hester Prynne were now impressed as if they beheld her for the first time—was that SCARLET LETTI embroidered and illuminated upon her bosom. It had the effect of a spell, taking her out of the ordinary relation d enclosing her in a sphere by herself. "She hath good skill at her needle, that's certain," remarked one of her ut did ever a woman, before this brazen hussy, contrive such a way of showing it? Why, gossips, what is it but to laugh odly magistrates, and make a pride out of what they, worthy gentlemen, meant for a punishment?" (Nathaniel Hawthome, BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION: 1954	ER, so ns with female h in the 1370 The End 1340 The Hunchback of Notre Dame 1370 The Incredible Journey
1270 Invisible Allies 1240 The Real Benedict 1230 Divel My Adventur 1220 The New Deal 1200 Skyscraper 1200 Tracking Trash	Arnold facilities be so admitted to the not "equal" a importance of	loctrine, equality of treatment is accorded when the races are provided substantially equal facilities, even though eparate. In the Delaware case, the Supreme Court of Delaware adhered to that doctrine, but ordered that the plaint he white schools because of their superiority to the Negro schools. The plaintiffs contend that segregated public scho and cannot be made "equal," and that hence they are deprived of the equal protection of the laws. Because of the of the question presented, the Court took jurisdiction. Argument was heard in the 1952 Term, and reargument was certain questions propounded by the Court. (347 US 483, 98 L ed 873, 74 S Ct 686) WAR AND PEACE	titifs be ools are bivious 1250 When You Visit Grandma & Grandpa 1240 Midwife's Apprentice 1230 Dragonhaven
1180 Four Days to Glor 1180 Clarabelle: Making M 1160 A Whole New Ball 1120 Bodies From the A 1110 Freedom Walkers 1110 Life and Death of	filk and So Much More I Game Ash intellectual lig clever conver expecting to I for an opport	the educated abroad, and this reception at Anna Pavlovna's was the first he had attended in Russia. He knew that this of Petersburg were gathered there and, like a child in a toyshop, did not know which way to look, afraid of missistation that was to be heard. Seeing the self-confident and refined expression on the faces of those present he was thear something very profound. At last he came up to Morio. Here the conversation seemed interesting and he stood unity to express his own views, as young people are fond of doing. (Leo Tolstoy, author) PRIDE AND PREJUDICE	sing any 1160 Paddington at Large 1150 The Crossing
1090 The Down-to-Earth (1070 Silent in an Evil Ti 1060 Hear That Train W 1050 Kate Shelley: Bour 1030 Pocket Babies and Or 1000 Corn Belt Harvest 1000L	me of some integration at different difference of some integration at friends that s	observing Mr. Bingley's attentions to her sister, Elizabeth was far from suspecting that she was herself becoming an rest in the eyes of his friend. Mr. Darcy had at first scarcely allowed her to be pretty; he had looked at her verthe ball; and when they next met, he looked at her only to criticise. But no sooner had he made it clear to himself the had hardly a good feature in her face, than he began to find it was rendered uncommonly intelligent by the bether dark eyes. (Jane Austen, author) BLACK BEAUTY	without 1070 Elijah of Buxton 1060 Just Grace
980 Pompeii: Lost & F	ry of Water on Earth have not lear won the cup have never se	en there was a good deal of kicking, my mother whinnied to me to come to her, and then she said: "I wish you what I am going to say to you. The colts who live here are very good colts, but they are cart-horse colts, and of cour ned manners. You have been well-bred and well-born; your father has a great name in these parts, and your grant two years at the Newmarket races; your grandmother had the sweetest temper of any horse I ever knew, and I this ten me kick or bite. I hope you will grow up gentle and good, and never learn bad ways; do your work with a good well when you trot, and never bite or kick even in play." (Anna Sewell, author) TOM SWIFT IN THE LAND OF WONDERS	rse they doffather 970 Thursday's Child 950 Bella at Midnight ink you 940 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
890 Carver: A Life in F 880 Vinnie and Abraha 860 Tuttle's Red Barn 830 Wind Power 810 The Lamp, The Ice, 800 It's a Butterfly's Li	the young fir Mary Nestor. they're waitin important, do assented Tom	m's thoughts were, Ned, of course, could not guess. But by the flush that showed under the tan of his chum's chancial secretary felt pretty certain that Tom was a bit apprehensive of the outcome of Professor Beecher's of "So he is going to see her about 'something important,' Ned?" "That's what some members of his party called it." as here for him to join them?" "Yes. And it means waiting a week for another steamer. It must be something on't you think, to cause Beecher to risk that delay in starting after the idol of gold?" "Important? Yes, I suppose. (Victor Appleton, author) FREE BASEBALL	call on 850 Mia the Meek 840 Apples to Oregon 830 Recoming Naomi Leon
790 Construction Zone 770 Buffalo Nickel 740 Big Storm 730 Prairie Town 720 International Space 700 Carolina's Story	"Yeah," Felix lot of baseball school, and h him "Eureka,"	te," Santi encouraged him. Felix looked at the others. "It's okay?" "Sure," Bobby said. "You've done this before, said. But never against real hitters, he thought. He ran out to his spot in the infield, nervous but excited. Felix had pil—first T-ball. Then coach-pitch, and now on the Tigers, a junior majors team. He'd never been in the top reading gre'd made the honor roll only twice, but Felix had always been the best fielder on any team he played on. Coach Drew "which he said was the brand name of a vacuum cleaner. If a ball came anywhere near, Felix sucked it right up. (Sue the by Sue Corbett. Reprinted by permission of Penguin Group. All rights reserved. HATTIE BIG SKY	olayed a 760 Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery roup at 750 Weedflower v called 740 Blue Jasmine
690 Hot Air 680 Deer, Moose, Elk 660 Vegetables We Eat 640 Ice Cream 610 Kid's Guide to Stayi 600 Lightship	& Caribou behind Karl. with me. "Da get some war home." Karl ithose boots,"	usult my baking, will you?" I pretended to box Chase's ears. "Ungrateful child." He wiggled away and grinned from I don't know that Karl understood all of our silliness, but I could tell by his face he knew Mattie and Chase had be mke," he repeated. "See, he does like my bread," I said, cutting several more slices. I set some bacon to frying, too. "m food in you before you go on your way. Your ma's probably worn through the window glass watching for you treached a cracked and bleeding hand for another piece of bread. Bits of white flesh dotted his cheeks. Frostbite. "Cl' I ordered. He obeyed. I swallowed hard when I saw his chalk-white toes. From the looks of him, he'd been out a erilee's children. (Kirby Larson, author) © 2006 by Kirby Larson. Reprinted by permission of Random House. All rights reserved. DO YOU KNOW THE MONKEY MAN?	een safe "Let me to come Off with 670 Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan 650 Games: A Tale of Two Bullies 640 Little Bunny's Preschool Count Down
580 Tell Me, Tree: All. 570 Chicks & Chickens 570 Cows, Cats, and K 560 Families 530 How to Talk to Yo 500 What Makes the So 500L	mother." I do ids my face. "Haj make me a ca think. One th	r told me a long time ago that I should call her Grandma. But I don't think of her as Grandma. I think of her as on't want to hurt her feelings, though, so I just avoid the whole issue by not calling her anything. I pasted a cheery sr ppy birthday," I said, handing her my card. I held tight to my book with my elbow. "Thank you, sweetie. You didn't I ard." Well, yes, actually, I did, but whatever. I followed my mom into the living room. Something smelled good. Las ing I could say for this party, we'd be eating well. The people in Bob's family are excellent cooks. We don't do a lot of it family. (Dori Hillestad Butler, author) © 2005 by Dori Hillestad Butler. Reprinted by permission of Peachtree Publishers. All rights res	mile on 570 First Day in Grapes have to 550 Goin' Someplace Special sagna, I 540 When I inhtroise Comes in a lar
480 Man Who Walked 470 Millions to Measur 460 Grand Old Tree 450 Movel 420 A Book About De 400 Tractors	some things levery kid in the CLUNK! we said a kid. M collection. "I	the bus began to spin like a top. That sort of thing doesn't happen on most class trips. When the spinning finally st had changed. We all had on new clothes. The bus had turned into a steam shovel. And there were shovels and pin he class. "Start digging!" yelled Ms. Frizzle. And we began making a huge hole right in the middle of the field. Befor hit rock. The Friz handed out jackhammers. We began to break through the hard rock. "Hey, these rocks have st s. Frizzle explained that each stripe was a different kind of rock. We chipped off pieces of the rocks for our clast-hese rocks are called sedimentary rocks, class," said Ms. Frizzle. (Joanna Cole, author) THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS is a reholastic Inc. © 1987 by Joanna Cole. Reprinted by permission of Scholastic, Inc. All rights reserved. FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS	icks for re long restrictes, and the Piano Lesson test rock to the piano Lesson test rock test r
300 My Baseball Book 380 Fannie in the Kitel 350 From Kernel to Co 350 Thank You, Sarah 320 Snow Is Falling 310 Firefighters A to Z	nen screamed, "T orn the floor, he s made for Fro over his jacke	FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS is thin. My button was thick." Toad put the thin button in his pocket. He was very angry. He jumped up and dox he whole world is covered with buttons, and not one of them is mine!" Toad ran home and slammed the door. The saw his white, four-holed, big, round, thick button. "Oh," said Toad. "It was here all the time. What a lot of trouble g." Toad took all of the buttons out of his pocket. He took his sewing box down from the shelf. Toad sewed the buttet. The next day Toad gave his jacket to Frog. Frog thought it was beautiful. He put it on and jumped for joy. (Amole by Arnold Lobel. Reprinted by permission of HarperCollins Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved. THE TALENT SHOW	are, on 380 Hooray for Reading Day! 370 My Friend Bear 360 Diary of a Worm
290 A Tree Is a Plant 280 Fireboat 270 Families in Many 260 All About Sound 220 What Makes a Sh 200 Best Bug Parade	Cultures hushing and a facing her. As hear the must adow?	ignaled to Howie. It was her turn. Howie walked out on stage. Someone's baby brother started to cry. There was shushing, and then it was very quiet. Very, very quiet. Howie looked out at all of Jackson Magnet. A gazillion head nd waiting. Mrs. Keyes started to play Howie's music, "Simple Gifts." Howie's heart was beating so loudly, she could ic. Her chest hurt. Her ears started ringing, and she thought she heard Stinky Stern laughing. Howie opened her mou ouldn't come out. She had no voice. The lights hurt her eyes. Her feet were slippery in her shoes. She couldn't move peared. (Michelle Edwards, author) © 2002 by Michelle Edwards. Reprinted by permission of Harcourt, Inc. All rights reserved.	ds were dbarely 280 Swish! 260 How Chipmunk Got His Stripes 230 Arthur's Teacher Moves In

About The Lexile Framework® for Reading

The Lexile Framework for Reading provides a common, developmental scale for matching reader ability and text difficulty. Lexile® measures enable educators, parents and students to select targeted materials that can improve reading skills and to monitor reading growth across the curriculum, in the library and at home. Lexile measures are a powerful tool for linking assessment with instruction, by taking the guesswork out of selecting reading materials that meet and challenge a student's ability.

Recognized as the most widely adopted reading measure, Lexile measures are part of reading and testing programs in the classroom and at the district and state levels. More than 115,000 books, 80 million articles and 60,000 Web sites have Lexile measures, and all major standardized tests can report student reading scores as Lexile measures. The Lexile Framework was developed by

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Lexile[®] Measures in the Classroom

Lexile measures defined

The Lexile Framework® for Reading is a scientific approach to measuring text difficulty and reading ability, putting both texts and readers on the same scale to accurately match readers with reading materials. A Lexile measure for either a text or a reader is a simple number followed by an "L" (e.g., 850L). The Lexile scale ranges from below 200L for beginning readers and beginning-reading text to above 1700L for advanced readers and text. Both the Lexile measure and Lexile scale are integral parts of the Lexile Framework.

is useful in managing medical care, Lexile measures are useful in managing instructional programs and resources. The Lexile Framework is not an instructional program any more than a thermometer is a medical treatment. But just as a thermometer

How Lexile measures work

enough to be used as part of any type of reading program. same Lexile measure with the confidence that they will find the texts appropriately challenging. Lexile measures can be used both to promote reading progress and to assign the right level of reading materials in other curriculum areas. Lexile measures are flexible programs, representing about half of U.S. students. Lexile measures allow you to connect students with books and articles at the Each year, more than 28 million Lexile measures are reported from national and state assessments, classroom assessments and reading All major standardized reading tests and many popular instructional reading programs report students' scores as Lexile measures.

Manage your students' reading comprehension

encourage reading progress. You can further adjust anticipated comprehension simply by choosing more or less difficult texts within a student's Lexile range, which spans 50L above and 100L below his or her Lexile measure. leads to an expected 75-percent comprehension rate—not too difficult to be frustrating, but difficult enough to be challenging and to Lexile measures allow you to manage comprehension. Matching a reader's Lexile measure with a text with the same Lexile measure

Track progress on a day-to-day basis

measures help you set measurable goals, monitor and evaluate reading programs, and easily track progress without additional testing This commonality allows you to provide interim assessment and feedback while using the same consistent measurement. Lexile Lexile measures tie day-to-day work in the classroom to critical high-stakes tests that also report students' scores as Lexile measures.

You can use a student's Lexile measure to connect him or her with tens of thousands of books in the Lexile Book Database and tens of millions of newspaper and magazine articles (through popular periodical databases) that also have Lexile measures Apply Lexile measures across the curriculum

More than 150 publishers have Lexile measures for their titles, enabling you to link all the different components of the curriculum.

Easily communicated to families

When standards and scores are reported as Lexile measures, families can be provided with examples of student goals or achievements generate lists that help parents guide their children to appropriately challenging reading materials. Lexile measures can also be used to by converting the Lexile measure into a range of familiar texts for outside reading. promote summer reading, and to select books that will provide more easily understood background information for school assignments. The Lexile Framework provides a clear, nonjudgmental way of communicating a student's reading abilities to parents. It allows you to

Using Lexile measures in your classroom

- Develop individualized reading lists that are tailored to provide appropriately challenging reading
- Enhance thematic teaching by building a bank of titles at varying Lexile levels that not only support the theme, but provide a way for all students to successfully participate in the theme.
- Use as an additional organizing tool when sequencing materials. For example, you might be choosing one book a month for use format. (You may find that you need to rearrange the order of the anthologies to best meet your students' needs.) throughout the year. This approach is also useful if you are utilizing a core program or textbook that is set up in anthology as a read-aloud throughout the school year. In addition to considering the topic, you could increase the difficulty of the books
- Choose texts lower in the student's Lexile range when factors make the reading situation more challenging, threatening or books within the student's Lexile range, reports of recent assessments and a parent form to record reading that occurs at home. Develop a reading folder that goes home with students and comes back for weekly review. The folder can contain a reading list of
- when you will be adding additional support such as background teaching or discussion. Use the free Lexile Book Database (at www.Lexile.com) and "Find a Book" Web site (at www.lexile.com/findabook) to support book selection and create booklists within a student's Lexile range to help the student make informed choices

unfamiliar. Select texts at or above the student's range to stimulate growth when a topic is of extreme interest to the student, or

Use the free Lexile calculator to gauge expected reading comprehension at different Lexile measures for readers and texts.

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visit the Lexile Web site at www.Lexile.com. books are appropriate for their reading ability. To find out more about The Lexile Framework for Reading appropriate texts. If you know a student's Lexile measure, you can tell with a great deal of accuracy which materials that can improve student reading skills and take the guesswork out of connecting readers with is an indispensable part of any reading program. Lexile measures give educators the confidence to choose The Lexile Framework for Reading, developed by educational measurement company MetaMetrics®, Inc.,



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Lexile® Measures at Home

Lexile measures defined

helps to predict how the book matches the student's reading abilitymagazine article, and a student's reading ability. Knowing the I Lexile Framework is a number called the Lexile measure. A Lexile measure indicates both the difficulty of a text, such as a book or The Lexile Framework® for Reading is a scientific approach to exile text measure of a book and the Lexile reader measure of a student measuring readers and reading materials. A key component of the -whether the book is too easy, too difficult or just right.

on the Lexile scale. The Lexile scale ranges from below 200L for beginning readers and beginning-reading text to above 1700L for advanced readers and text. Both a Lexile reader measure and a Lexile text measure are denoted as a simple number followed by an "L" (e.g., 850L), and are placed

managing your child's reading development. thermometer is a medical treatment. But just as a thermometer is useful in managing medical care, the Lexile Framework is useful in The Lexile Framework, which comprises both the Lexile measure and Lexile scale, is not an instructional program any more than a

Obtaining your child's Lexile measure

report students' scores as Lexile measures. Some schools include Lexile measures with report cards, test results and home reading million Lexile measures are reported annually from national and state assessments, classroom assessments and reading programs, representing about half of U.S. students. All major standardized reading tests and several popular instructional reading programs Lexile measures are used at the school-level in all 50 states to improve student achievement across the curriculum. More than 28

More meaningful than grade leveling

Lexile measures track students' reading progress over time, no far below the rest. To say that some books are "just right" for materials to be read. For example, in a fifth-grade classroom, there will be some readers who are far ahead and some readers who are Lexile measures do not translate specifically to grade levels. Within any classroom, there will be a range of readers and a range of matter what grade they are in. fifth graders assumes that all fifth graders are reading at the same level.

Managing your child's reading comprehension

boundaries between the easiest kind of reading materials for your child and the hardest level at which he or she should be able to read. not too difficult to be frustrating, but difficult enough to encourage reading progress. You can further help your child by knowing his Matching your child's Lexile measure to a text with the same Lexile measure leads to an expected 75-percent comprehension rateor her Lexile range. A reader's recommended Lexile range is 51 Lexile measures allow you to manage your child's reading comprehension by matching him or her to appropriately challenging text. OL above and 100L below his or her Lexile measure. These are the

Finding books and articles that will help your child

availability of titles at your local library. www.lexile.com/findabook) are available to create customized reading lists. These free databases allow you to search for books based and magazine articles by Lexile measure. For books, the Lexile articles with Lexile measures. Most public libraries have access on Lexile measures and by interest categories or school assignment topics. With the "Find a Book" site, you can even check the Once you have your child's Lexile measure, you can connect him or her with tens of thousands of books and tens of millions of to online periodical databases that you can use to search for newspaper Book Database (at www.Lexile.com) and "Find a Book" Web site (at

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- or search the Lexile Book Database or "Find a Book" Web site. 100L below his or her Lexile measure). Ask your child's teacher or school librarian to print a list of books in your child's range, Ensure that your child gets plenty of reading practice, concentrating on material within his or her Lexile range (50L above and
- Communicate with your child's teacher and school librarian about his or her reading needs and accomplishments. They can use the Lexile Framework to let you know their assessment of your child's reading ability.
- definitions from the glossary, and the review questions at the end of a chapter before your child reads the text. Afterwards, be sure to return to the glossary and review the questions to When a reading assignment proves too challenging for you make certain your child understood the material ar child, use activities to help. For example, review the words and
- Celebrate your child's reading accomplishments. One of way for readers to keep track of their own growth and progress. You and your child can set goals for reading—sticking to a reading schedule, reading a book at a higher Lexile measure, trying new kinds of books and articles, or reading a certain number of pages per week. When your child hits the goal, make an occasion out of it! the great things about the Lexile Framework is that it provides an easy

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To find out more about The Lexile Framework for Reading, visit the Lexile Web site at www.Lexile.com. connecting your child with appropriately challenging reading materials. If you know your child's Lexile is an indispensable part of any child's literacy development. Lexile measures take the guesswork out of The Lexile Framework for Reading, developed by educational measure, you can tell with a great deal of accuracy which bool ks and articles will encourage reading progress. measurement company MetaMetrics®, Inc.,



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